



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5701

LCO No. 2369

Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

AN ACT MAKING THE ELECTION LAWS APPLICABLE TO ELECTIONS HELD IN FIRE DISTRICTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 9-1 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2002*):

3 Except as otherwise provided, the following terms, as used in this
4 title and sections 3-124, 7-5, 7-6, 7-7, 7-17, 7-20, 7-39, 7-157, 7-214, 7-275,
5 7-295, 7-343, 7-407, 8-1, 8-5, 8-19, 10-219, 11-36, 13a-11, 30-10, 30-11, 45a-
6 18, 45a-19 and 51-95 shall have the following meanings:

7 (a) "Ballot label" means that portion of cardboard, paper or other
8 material placed on the front of the voting machine, containing the
9 names of the candidates or a statement of a proposed constitutional
10 amendment or other question or proposition to be voted on;

11 (b) "Board for admission of electors" means the board as composed
12 under subsection (a) of section 9-15a;

13 (c) "Clerical error" means any error in the registry list or enrollment

14 list due to a mistake or an omission on the part of the printer or a
15 mistake or omission made by the registrars or their assistants;

16 (d) "Election" means any electors' meeting at which the electors
17 choose public officials by use of voting machines or by paper ballots as
18 provided in sections 9-271 and 9-272;

19 (e) "Elector" means any person possessing the qualifications
20 prescribed by the constitution and duly admitted to, and entitled to
21 exercise, the privileges of an elector in a town;

22 (f) Repealed by P.A. 77-298, S. 14;

23 (g) "Municipal clerk" means the clerk of a municipality;

24 (h) "Municipal election" means the regularly recurring election held
25 in a municipality at which the electors of the municipality choose
26 public officials of such municipality;

27 (i) "Municipality" means any city, borough, [or] town or fire district
28 within the state;

29 (j) "Official ballot" means the official ballot label to be used at an
30 election, or the official paper ballot to be used thereat in accordance
31 with the provisions of sections 9-271 and 9-272;

32 (k) "Population" means the population according to the last-
33 completed United States census;

34 (l) "Presidential electors" means persons elected to cast their ballots
35 for President and Vice President of the United States;

36 (m) "Print" means methods of duplication of words by mechanical
37 process, but shall not include typewriting;

38 (n) "Referendum" means (1) a question or proposal which is
39 submitted to a vote of the electors or voters of a municipality at any
40 regular or special state or municipal election, as defined in this section,

41 (2) a question or proposal which is submitted to a vote of the electors
42 or voters, as the case may be, of a municipality at a meeting of such
43 electors or voters, which meeting is not an election, as defined in
44 subsection (d) of this section, and is not a town meeting, or (3) a
45 question or proposal which is submitted to a vote of the electors or
46 voters, as the case may be, of a municipality at a meeting of such
47 electors or voters pursuant to section 7-7 or pursuant to charter or
48 special act;

49 (o) "Regular election" means any state or municipal election;

50 (p) "Registrars" means the registrars of voters of the municipality;

51 (q) "Registry list" means the list of electors of any municipality
52 certified by the registrars;

53 (r) "Special election" means any election not a regular election;

54 (s) "State election" means the election held in the state on the first
55 Tuesday after the first Monday in November in the even-numbered
56 years in accordance with the provisions of the constitution of
57 Connecticut;

58 (t) "State officers" means the Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
59 Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller and Attorney General;

60 (u) "Voter" means a person qualified to vote at town and district
61 meetings under the provisions of section 7-6;

62 (v) "Voting district" means any municipality, or any political
63 subdivision thereof, having not more than one polling place in a
64 regular election;

65 (w) "Voting machine" means a machine, including but not limited
66 to, a device which operates by electronic means, for the registering and
67 recording of votes cast at elections, primaries and referenda;

68 (x) "Write-in ballot" means a vote cast for any person whose name

69 does not appear on the official ballot as a candidate for the office for
70 which his name is written in;

71 (y) "The last session for admission of electors prior to an election"
72 means the day which is the fourteenth day prior to an election.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2002</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To amend the definition of municipality, as the term applies to election law, to apply to fire districts in the state.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]